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Appl. No. : 09/852,225 Confirmation No.: 4231  
Applicant : Mitsuru AKAIKE Art Unit: 3632  
Filed : May 9, 2001 Examiner: Naschica S. MORRISON  
Title : STOPPER DEVICE AND TELESCOPIC UNIT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

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1. The issue fee in this application (check one):  
  
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☐ Has been paid, and this request is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313.
2. This request is accompanied by the fee specified in 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) and a submission in the form of (check one):  
  
☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on September 8, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)  
  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .  
  
☐ An amendment of the description, claims or drawings;  
  
☐ A Request for Reconsideration containing new arguments;  
  
☐ A Request for Reconsideration submitting new evidence of patentability;  
  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement;  
  
☐ Other (specify)  
  
3. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.  
(Suspension not to exceed three months).  
  
4. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request.

5. A check in the amount of \$ 880 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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